

Provisional Vital Statistics for March 2021

Live Births increased in March as 5,807 Missouri babies were born compared with 5,751 born one year earlier. For the cumulative 3- and 12-month periods ending with March, births decreased. For the first quarter of the year, births decreased by 4.9 percent from 17,016 to 16,185.

Deaths decreased in March as 5,621 Missourians died compared with 5,681 in March 2020. This was the first monthly decrease in deaths since October 2019. However, deaths increased substantially for the 3- and 12-month periods ending with March. For January-March, there were 18,630 Missouri resident deaths compared with 16,829 for the similar time period in 2020.

The **Natural Increase** in March for Missourians was 186 (5,807 births minus 5,621 deaths). However, there was a natural decrease for both the 3- and 12-month periods ending with March. For the 12 months ending with March, the natural decrease was 7,238 compared to an increase of 9,362 in 2020.

Marriages decreased for all three time periods shown below. For the 12 months ending with March, marriages decreased by 8.1 percent from 36,867 to 33,882.

Dissolutions of Marriage increased in March and January to March, but decreased for the 12 months ending with March. For the 12 months ending with March, the marriage to divorce ratio decreased from 2.08 to 2.04.

Infant Deaths increased in March as 43 Missouri infants died compared with 33 in March of 2020. For the 12 months ending with March, the infant death rate decreased from 6.0 to 5.8 per 1,000 live births.

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<u>Item</u>	<u>March</u>				<u>Jan. — March Cumulative</u>				<u>12 months ending with March</u>				
	<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Live Births	5,751	5,807	11.0	11.1	17,016	16,185	11.1	10.7	72,097	68,446	11.9	11.7	11.1
Deaths	5,681	5,621	10.9	10.8	16,829	18,630	11.0	12.3	62,735	75,684	10.1	10.2	12.3
Natural increase	70	186	0.1	0.4	187	-2,445	0.1	-1.6	9,362	-7,238	1.8	1.5	-1.2
Marriages	2,192	2,082	4.2	4.0	5,650	5,107	3.7	3.4	36,867	33,882	6.4	6.0	5.5
Dissolutions	1,181	1,691	2.3	3.2	3,906	4,090	2.6	2.7	17,704	16,590	3.0	2.9	2.7
Infant deaths	33	43	5.7	7.4	101	108	5.9	6.7	435	399	6.1	6.0	5.8
Population base .....	....	....	6,152	6,156	....	....	6,152	6,156	....	....	6,129	6,143	6,153
(in thousands)													

* Rates for live births, deaths, natural increase, marriages and dissolutions are computed on the number per 1,000 estimated population. The infant death rate is based on the number of infant deaths per 1,000 live births. Beginning with provisional July 2006 data numbers and rates are based on month of event rather than month of report. This will result in a delay in reporting, but will more accurately reflect current trends.

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